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Editorials . . .

WE SEE IT THIS WAY

We are against these things: whatever helps some of us at the expense of most of us

Meredith symbol: which to accept?

(Delta Democrat-Times Greenville, Miss.)

James Meredith's announcement that he would probably leave end of this semester does not come preserved. as much of a surprise.

strain of attempting to be a stualmost any man.

millions of dollars, the death of temporary victories can efface. two men and the near-destruction of a university, total segregation triumphant.

Meredith's withdrawal or continu- the symbol of responsible men's with equanimity. James Meredith ed presence at Ole Miss, insofar as failure. it pertains to an individual, is not important. What is important is

Hinegar sells more newspapers

than honey"

AND THE STREET

EDITOR'S

By Ira Harkey

We were very flattered,

swelled up a bit, when Howard

what disturb us, for his withdrawal at this time can easily have the effect of strengthening those who would still have Mississippians bethe University of Mississippi at the lieve that total segregation can be

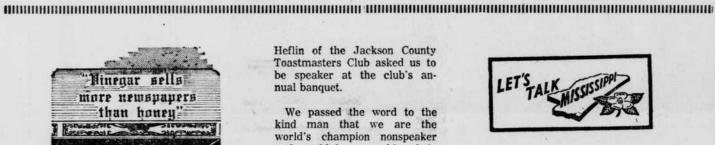
In the face of inevitable court There have been persistent re- orders as more Negro students apports for several months that the ply for admission, it cannot. To persist in believing that it can, and dent in an almost totally hostile acting on this belief, is only to inenvironment was going to be too vite future Oxfords, future bloodmuch for him, as it would be for shed, future blights on the state's future. Raging defiance took a toll at Ole Miss and Oxford - and in Thus after the expenditure of Mississippi - which no number of

in Mississippi will again emerge desegragation on the one hand, and now of segregation's seeming victory on the other is not nearly But the question of James as important as James Meredith

events. The possibilities here are symbol, which is one all of us would do well to remember in the coming months. For we are going to be tested again - and this it takes no prophet to foresee - not merely at one isloated university campus but here, there and every-

> If we draw the wrong lessons from the entire matter of James Meredith, if we allow the fact of his withdrawal to cloud the more meaningful fact of his admission and the price at which it was accomplished, then we will see Oxford repeated again and again across the state.

There are those who would welcome this, and some of them James Meredith as a symbol of sit in high places in our state's government or control those who sit there, but we cannot believe the majority of decent Mississippians can regard such a possibility is apparently leaving the scene, but there will be other James The fact that he is no longer Merediths. It is up to us to see to the effect his action has on future at Ole Miss will not destroy that it that there are no more Oxfords.



We passed the word to the kind man that we are the world's champion nonspeaker and would louse up his whole

Heflin of the Jackson County Toastmasters Club asked us to be speaker at the club's an-

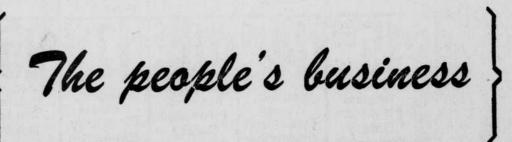
Then the thought came to us -maybe that's why they asked me, as sort of a "before" speciman, to indicate the great need for their organization.

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Billy Snider sends in a clip from our news story that tells of Kiwanis Club 1962 achievements-including a Sea Scout ship, Boy Scout troop, Cub Scout pack and Key Club-and appends the note: "Attny General Kennedy should have this investigated.

The 125,000 Mssissippans engaged in mainutacturing in April topped March by 1500 and exceeded the April, 1961, level by 9100. The largest gain over the twelve-month period was in the apparel industry-up 2700.

Of still greater significance is the fact that heavy goods categories picked up 5600 workers. including 1500 in transportation equipment, 1100 in machinery, 800 in miscellaneous durable goods, and 700 each in furniture and metals. "Most of these industries," said the commission, 'Pay above-average wages." Smaller gains were reported in food, rubber and leather.



(Mississippi Economic Council)

"We spend thousands of dollars each year to attract industry to come to our state, but spend an inadequate amount for such things as street improvement, public health facilities and local government."

That statement was made by the director of the Mississippi Merit Community Program recently before a group of state sanitarians considering problems of municipalities. The Merit leader further stated:

"The day of enticing manufacturers to come to our state solely because of lower labor

costs, tax incentives and other programs is fast coming to an end. The real issue is whether our towns will meet the tests of good education systems, good equitable tax structure and a good business climate."

In other words, industries looking for new locations are pretty selective about picking towns in which to locate. This is one of the basic principles of the Merit Community Program-putting a community's house in order for new and expanded industry.

Fortunately, some 86 towns in Mississippi have measured themselves through the Merit Program, and know how they

Promoters of the program. including some 42 firms and agencies providing financial support and leaders working through the MEC, have held diagnostic clinics for centers in the population class of 2501 to 10,000, and 10,000 and over.

The merit program is one of the brightest spots in Mississippi's development efforts. The program is home-grown, inexpensive, and can be carried out without outside "experts".

stand in then basic categories of development. They know their weak and strong points, and can go about correcting weaknesses in a sound, systematic

The lower price is bid for that for which no funds are available, and the time when funds will be available is uncertain. He makes a second point; that there are four guarantors, each justifying in the sum of \$4,000.00, instead of two, each justifying the sum

Mr. Delmas wrote me before putting in his bid, asking if four guarantors each for \$4,000.000, instead of two for \$8,000.00 each would be allowable. I answered him that I thought it would be permitted. If this is a fatal error, it is my error. Mr. Moore makes a third point: that Delmas gives no description of his plant. On inquiry of

Mr. Delmas concerning his

plant, I found that he had no

plant. He then told me that he

would at once secure a plant

On the day following the open-

ing of the bids Mr. Delmas

made a verbal application to

withdraw his bid without pre-

judice to himself. I explained

that I had no authority to per-

mit this, and allowed him until

Monday, May 29th, to secure a

suitable plant. On application,

this time was extended to

On this day Mr. Delmas came

into the office and showed me a

paper in which Mr. Chas.

Clarke, a contractor at Sabine

Pass, Tex., gave him (Mr. Del-

Thursday, June 1st.

United States Engineer Office, No. 150 St. Frances Street. Mobile, Alabama, June 9, 1899

(Pascagoulans of a much

earlier date were as concerned

with dredging their channels as

are those of 1963. The following

letter was found among the ef-

fects of the late Mrs. Hermes

F. Gautier. It was sent to us by

Pascagoula port director Al S.

Brig. Gen. John M. Wilson, Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

Johnson.)

I have the honor to forward herewith abstract of bids opened by me on May 25, 1899, for dredging at Pascagoula River and Horn Island Harbor, Miss. A copy of each bid received is also enclosed. I have delayed forwarding these bids, as the lowest bidder, Mr. A. C. Delmas, was unknown to me and I thought it best to inquire as to his plant Xc., before report-

mas) an option on a plant coning to the Department. sisting of one dredge, two dump The specifications call for a scows-capacity, 250 cu. yds., price per cubic yard for all each- and tug "Josephine." I material measured in scow and wrote to Captain C. S. Riche, disposed of in certain ways. Mr. Corps of Engineers, Galveston, Rittenhouse Moore, representing Tex., about this plant, underthe Rittenhouse Moore Dredgstanding that it was at Galvesing Co., makes protest (verbalton: and after finding out that it ly) against the Delmas bid: was at Sabine Pass, to Major that it is not in accordance James B. Quinn, Corps of Enwith the specifications in that gineers, New Orleans, La., and two prices are bid, the highest to Assistant Engineer J. L. being for the work to be done Brownlee, Sabine Pass, Tex. I under appropriation now available viz: that at Horn Island received replies, which are in-

> It would seem from Mr. Brownlee's statement that the plant is a fairly good one. I do not understand, however, that Mr. Delmas is in any way bound to buy the plant, and he

stands today in the position of having no plant. Again, on June 6th I received a letter from Mr. Delmas asking to withdraw his bid, and yesterday I received another letter asking to withdraw his letter of

"TELL ME MORE ABOUT THOSE RUGGED WINTERS IN THE OLD DAYS."

... Mr. Irving P. Delmas

an inspector on dredging

whose reputation in that

is very good, indeed . . .

In considering the case, I gave but little weight to Mr. Moore's clain, that the two prices bid by Mr. Delmas was a serious if not a fatal defect. Looking into the matter further, it seems possible that it might establish a precedent that would cause trouble in other places. Mr. Delmas, I understand, has had absolutely no experience in dredging, but is to be assisted by his brother, Mr. Irving P. Delmas, who has been an inspector on dredging formerly done at Pascagoula River under this office, and whose reputation in that position is very good, indeed.

Considering all the circumstances, especially the lack of plant, experience, and vacillating character of Mr. Delmas, I feel compelled to recommend the rejection of his bid.

After having reached the decision to recommend rejection of the Delmas bid. I considered the best one, viz: that of the Rittenhouse Moore Dredging Co., of Mobile, Ala. Taking their price, 29c per cu. yd., the cost of the work, according to the yardage given in the specifications, will be \$252,010.00 as compared with a total of the Delmas bid, \$181,730.00, showing a difference of \$70,280.00.

This I think is too large and I have not felt willing to recommend the acceptance of this bid. There is, however, a paragraph in the bid of Rittenouse Moore Dredging Co., offering to do the work for 23c per cu. yd., if allowed to dump the material "in satisfactory dumping grounds inside". Mr. Moore represents that this price is the one he proposes for the material in Horn Island Harbor, 200,000 cu. yds., which the specifications permit to be dumped inside (See paragraph 40 of the specifications); and also for the 21,000 em yds., from railroad bridge to

three miles above mouth of Dog River, as per estimate of Assistant Engineer T. P. Brown, which, by the specifications can be dumped behind Lowerv and Dog Islands (See paragraph No. 40 of the specifications).

AGS MAULDIN

If I'd deduct from the total of the bid of Rittenhouse Moore Dredging Co., then, 6 cents per cu. yd., for these 220,000 cu. yds., it will make his bid less by \$13,200.00, or a total of \$238,-810.00, or \$57,080.00 more than the Delmas bid. This is still a very large difference. The Rittenhouse Moore Dredging Co., now offer in addition to the above to take place measurements instead of scow measurements. As the yardage given in the specifications is based on place measurement and no allowance made for increase in scow, this will not reduce the amount of the bid, but if an allowance is made in the Delmas bid of say 25 percent increase, it will make it \$181,730 .-00 plus 25 percent, or \$227, 162 .-50, which finally reduces the difference to \$11,648.50, or between three and four percent of the \$317,600,00 allowed for the

I recommend for acceptance the bid of the Rittenhouse Moore Dredging Co., at 23c per cu. vd., for materials excavated in Horn Island Harbor, and from railroad bridge to three miles above the mouth of the Dog River; and 29c per cu. yd., Pascagoula River from railroad bridge to Horn Island Harbor. All measurements to be for material in place instead of scow measurements, as per paragraph No. 44 of the specifica-

The originals of communications received, and copies of letters sent, in connection with this case are herewith inclosed.

> Very respectfully, (signed) Wm. T. Rossell, Major, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.

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